



CENTRAL ZONE DRESSAGE SERIES RULES

The Central Zone Dressage Series encourages participation, development, and excellence in Pony Club dressage across the Central Zone. The series runs annually over a calendar year, consisting of approved qualifying rounds. The aim is to foster rider progression, club collaboration, and preparation for State-level competition.

1. Series Qualifying Rounds

- 1.1 The series will be conducted over 12 months, starting after the State Dressage Championships and concluding as per the published Central Zone Calendar.
- 1.2 Each host club may apply to run one qualifying round per year, via the Central Zone JotForm.
- 1.3 All events must be listed on the Central Zone calendar and approved by the Zone representative
- 1.4 Each round must offer two tests for Pony Club Grades Advanced to 6.
- 1.5 All qualifying rounds must be run under current Pony Club Victoria Dressage Rules.
- 1.6 Club competitions such as CTDs are eligible provided they have a Jackpot Structure included and are approved by CZ Representative. Horse Trials are not eligible.

2. Combination Eligibility

- 2.1 Only Central Zone Pony Club members are eligible to earn series points, in Pony Club classes.
- 2.2 Combinations must hold a current PCV grading card and compete at their graded level.
- 2.3 Riders may compete on multiple horses, but points are allocated per horse/rider combination.
- 2.4 To be eligible for end-of-series awards a combination must compete in at least two qualifying round.
- 2.5 Upgraded combinations don't carry point up to the higher level, the points and standing in the previous grade remain for the series.

3. Grading and Upgrades

- 3.1 District Commissioners are responsible for maintaining accurate grading.
- 3.2 If a combination is upgraded mid series, they don't carry points forward from their previous grade, the points and standing in the previous grade remain for the series.
 - 3.2.2 Upgraded combinations will no longer be eligible for State Selection at the previous grade
- 3.3 A combination cannot win the same grade series championship in consecutive years (excluding Advanced).

4. Series Scoring

4.1 Event Scoring: Each round must offer two tests per grade, with different judges for each test.

4.2 Jackpot Placings: Jackpot placings will be awarded at each round as per standard PCV dressage scoring

4.3 Series Points: Series points are allocated based on Jackpot placings at each round:

1st = 30 pts, 2nd = 29 pts ...

4.4 Series Champion Scoring: All qualifying rounds for the series count towards the series scoring.

4.5 Tied Scores: In the case of a tie, the combination with the highest number of top placings will be declared the winner. If there is still a tie then the combination that has been to the most qualifying rounds will be declared the winner.

5. Protests and Disputes

5.1 All events are subject to PCV protest and appeal procedures.

5.2 Protests must be lodged on the day of the event with the appropriate fee (\$50).

6. Prizes

6.1 Individual event prizes are at the discretion of the host club.

6.2 Series prizes will include:

- A perpetual shield for each grade
- Rosettes to sixth place
- Certificates for all qualified combinations

7. State Championship Qualification ~ Advanced to Grade 4

7.1 One combination will be selected for the State Dressage Championships from the Dressage series each year for Advanced to Grade 4.

7.2 To be considered for State Qualification, each combination will have their top 3 scores collated, for their current grade. With the highest score gaining qualification.

7.3 In the case of a tie refer to rule 4.5 for count back procedure.

7.4 The qualified combination for Advanced-4 are eligible providing;

- They hold a current C Certificate (if applicable under PCV rules).
- They meet all other PCV eligibility criteria.

7.5 If the top combination declines, the offer passes to the next eligible rider.

7.6 Upgraded combinations are ineligible for State Championship Qualification at the previous grade.

8. Administration and Contact

8.1 Host clubs must submit final results within 48 hours of event completion to Event Secretary for leaderboard updates.

If Event Secretary is not used and the results are not submitted in a usable format or require additional works, the fee charged by Event Secretary to collate the results into the scoreboard be invoiced to the host club for payment.

8.2 The leaderboard will be published on the Central Zone website.

8.3 Rule changes or amendments will be communicated to clubs promptly.